

Minutes

Planning Retreat

**African American Heritage Commission
of Asheville and Buncombe County
October 9, 2014
6th Floor Training Room, City Hall**

Members Present: Angel Redmond, Johnnie Grant, Marvin Chambers, Isaac Coleman, Al Whitesides, Sasha Mitchell

Members Absent: Jan Goffney, Desmond McAfee, Phyllis Utley

Council Liaison: Chris Pelly

Guests: Timothy Sadler

Staff: Roderick Simmons, Steve Garrison, Alex Carmichael

Chairperson Grant called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM.

1. **Approval of the August Minutes:** Commission Member Mitchell motioned to approve the August minutes. Commission Member Coleman seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of the September Minutes: Commission Member Whitesides motioned to approve the September minutes. Commission Member Coleman seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. **Staff Updates:**
 - a. **Process of Conducting Business** – Roderick Simmons
Roderick Simmons discussed procedures for conducting Commission business. Members may submit items for the agenda two weeks prior to a meeting. The chair and staff will work together to set the agenda. Chairwoman Grant asked that anytime a commission member represents the Commission to an outside organization or event, that that member follow-up with a report to the Commission within five days.
3. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Commission Goals** – Johnnie Grant, Chair
Chairwoman Grant discussed updated goals from the work session, with minor changes to wording. The budget is an eight-quarter plan. The

Commission discussed the meeting schedules of the various committees. Angel Redmond and Sash Mitchell agreed to meet and begin discussing the needs assessment.

Isaac Colman moved to accept the work plan as presented. Al Whitesides seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

4. New Business:

- a.** Isaac Coleman reported that Deborah Miles presented the Vance Monument petition to the Public Art Advisory Commission.

5. Public Comment:

- a.** Timothy Sadler thanked the Commission for their work. He noted that 'heritage' is about the past, present, and future. He looked forward to the Commission's work to engage the community on planning for the future.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM. The next meeting will be 11/13/14.